

To liberate the mind from the shackles of oppression
Requires a will of iron and a fierce determination
To focus one's efforts on laying the foundations
To build the life one aspires to live regardless
Of the many obstacles which obscure the path
Which naturally speaks to one's inner-most being:
The refinement of thought naturally contributing
To a heightened awareness of one's true calling
And the numerous hardships one will encounter
In the slow and arduous process of refinement:
For higher states of mind come with a cost
To acknowledge the sacrifice required to attain
A deeper understanding of the human condition
Aids one in the quest to uncover ancient truths.



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